



Girls Football Tournament

On Wednesday we took a team of Year 5 and 6 girls to the Girls' Football Tournament at Norton Hill. The girls played brilliantly and worked hard until the final whistle of each of their games. The excitement and team spirit was bubbling and they really did work as a team. In our first event together and after only a few training sessions the girls came second in their group and went through to the quarter finals to play a very strong High Littleton team who later went on to the final of the tournament. We had amazing goalkeeping from our two keepers, wonderful passing, working together as a team and chances on goal. Well done girls!



Children in Need
Friday 15th November

Organised by
Farrington Forum

Show your spirit!
Non-uniform day
£1 donation

Cake Sale
Please donate cakes that can be sold at playtime. All cake donations to be brought to Turtle Class please.

Pudsey Bounce
At playtime on Friday we will be holding a Pudsey Bounce. 50p

Pudsey Disco
At playtime we will be holding a Pudsey Disco. 50p

Colouring Competition
Collect a colouring sheet (we have a variety to choose from) from Farrington Forum on Monday or Tuesday and hand it back in on Thursday to them. Winners will be announced in assembly and will receive a prize! 25p to enter.

Thank you for supporting this event, we hope it will be lots of fun!

All items will be need to be paid with cash to give the children the experience of using money. Farrington Forum will be running all of the events.

Children In Need

We will once again be supporting Children in Need, which this year takes place on Friday 15th November. Please see the poster on the left for all the activities that will be taking place on the day including a cake sale, a colouring competition and non-uniform. Children can bring in money on the day for these items/activities.

Medication

A reminder that if your child needs any medication, it must be brought to the school office and the relevant form completed for us to be able to administer it. Children then need to come to the office at the appropriate time to receive their medication. We will remind them if they have forgotten!

Remembrance Day

Thank you to all our Year 6 volunteers who have been selling poppies and other items from the Royal British Legion ahead of Remembrance Day. We will let you know how much we have raised once it has been taken away and counted.



Lunchtime request

Our Year 6s have also done a fantastic job this week setting up and monitoring our new play 'zones' at lunchtimes. They have requested donations of good quality dressing up clothes of all sizes for our role-play area. If you have any spare at home, please send them in for the attention of Mrs Coles.

Mrs Geeson and Mr Turull



Notices

- **Children In Need** - please see the poster above for details of all the different things taking place on Friday next week.
- **Clubs - Singing Club** (Thursday) on the following dates the club will run at lunchtime instead of after school so please collect your children as normal. Apologies for any inconvenience:
21st November (staff training), 28th November (Benefice Concert which the singing club are being invited to take part in) and 12th December (Infant nativity)
- **Dinners** - fingers crossed, we are advised that the ParentPay booking menu is running as it should be, however, please let me know should you encounter any problems.
- **School Photos** - Orders have been sent home today for those who placed them.
- **St. John's Church** - Please see [here](#) the link to the weekly church events.
- **Year 6 National Child Measurement Programme (NCMP) Screening 2024-25** - Please see letter emailed to you on Wednesday 16th October relating to this which gives details should you wish to opt out.

Diary Dates

November

Mon 11th	Remembrance Reflection 10:50-11:05am (on the playground/parents welcome)
Fri 15th	Celebration Assembly 9-9:45am
Tue 19th	Small Schools' Football Tournament (4:00pm - 6:00pm) at Norton Hill School
Wed 20th	Open Morning 9:15-11:30am
Fri 22nd	Shark Class Trip to We the Curious (details to follow on Monday)
Tue 26th	Dolphin Class Trip to Downside (paper copy of the letter has been sent home, no payment required, <i>not on ParentPay</i>)
Wed 27th	INSET Day
Thu 28th	Benefice Concert at Holy Trinity Church, Paulton (4:30pm)
Fri 29th	Celebration Assembly 9-9:45am
Sat 30th	Friends Disco (see Friends poster)

Christmas Dates - December

Mon 2nd	Christmas Arts Day in House Groups
Wed 11th	<i>Provisional Date</i> Morning Performance of Nativity 9:30am
Thur 12th	<i>Provisional Date</i> Evening Performance of Nativity 5pm
Fri 13th	Celebration Assembly 9-9:45am
Mon 16th	Carols by Candlelight Village Event 6pm
Tue 17th	Christmas Jumper day/£1 Donation to help Save the Children
Wed 18th	Christmas Dinner (Wear your Christmas jumper again - no donation required)
Fri 20th	Christmas Service 9:15-10:15am - St. John's Church all welcome



Friends of Farrington Gurney School

FOFGS DISCO
Saturday 30th Nov
6:00 pm — 7:30 pm
Farrington Gurney Hall
£3 Per Child

Bar Will Be Open

Hot Dogs* Available £2

Tuck Shop

Glitter Face Art

Card Machine will be available at door for entry & Hot Dogs.
Please bring change for Tuck Shop etc.
* Meat & Vegetarian Hot Dogs will be available, if you have any special dietary requirements please email fogfs@hotmail.co.uk

Rules
All children must be accompanied by an adult and supervised at all times. Children should remain in the hall, no re-entry.

Christmas Wreath Workshop

Saturday 23rd Nov
7pm Start
Paulton Scout Hut

£15 per person
BYO Drinks
Nibbles provided

Reserve your ticket by contacting the PTA:
Email: fogfs@hotmail.com or comment on the Facebook Post.

Tickets are limited and will be issued on a first come first served basis.

Thanks for all the interest in our wreath making workshop. We have just a few tickets left so please comment on the Facebook post or email fogfs@hotmail.co.uk to reserve a ticket.

If you are having a "change of season" clothes clear out, please pop any unwanted clean items into the recycled clothing bin in the corner of the car park opposite school. We receive a healthy regular income from these donations.

Our next PTA meeting will be held on Wednesday 27th November at 8pm at the Farrington Inn. All are very welcome if you are able to attend.



Thought for the Week

'Is anyone among you in trouble? Let them pray. Is anyone happy? Let them sing songs of praise.'
(James 5:13 - NIV)



Are you one of those people who enjoy singing? You've always got a song going round in your head? Even if you don't enjoy singing, most of us have a favourite band or singer and will at least sometimes join in.

Science tells us that music has healing power. Today we have music therapists who play sounds that help and support patients in hospitals, those with special educational needs, people in nursing homes, and other environments. Harvard University researchers, among others, are reporting that music is a healing balm for stroke, Alzheimer's disease, and the physical stress of premature birth. They have also learned that music can improve surgical outcomes, help to restore lost speech, reduce side effects of cancer therapy, relieve pain, improve mood, and battle depression. Dr Gottfried Schlaug, a Harvard University neurologist, told the *Los Angeles Times*, 'Music might provide an alternative entry point to the brain because it can unlock so many different doors into an injured or ill brain.' His research shows that pitch, harmony, melody, rhythm, and emotion, which are all components of music, engage different parts of the brain – parts of the brain that are also important for speech, movement, and social interaction. (Adapted from [UCB The Word for Today - 2.11.2024](#))

Today's verse focuses on two things - prayer and praise. There are always times when we are in trouble and we need to talk to someone about it. Lots of people, including Christians, will turn to God in prayer. But there are also times of rejoicing and celebration. It's at these times that we often include music. When we hear music playing in a house or at a concert or festival, it is often because it is a happy time and people are wanting to mark the occasion. This is also the case when we include music in worship, whether this is at a church, or school or elsewhere. Music as we have seen has healing properties and how many of us often feel better after hearing a really upbeat song? Even a melancholy song that might bring a tear to our eye, can still be uplifting. Lots of people feel that they are able to connect with God through music. Sometimes this is a song of praise, but sometimes its a more reflective and thoughtful song. Many people talk about entering God's presence through these moments.

However you choose to, maybe today is the day to liven things up with some music and singing. Even if it is a dull grey day outside, stick on your favourite tune and join in. Maybe even have a little dance. There's no reason not to!

